Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, April marks the thirty-sixth anniversary of the passage of the Federal Fair Housing Law; and,

Whereas, The opening ceremony to honor this occasion will be held in Mobile, Alabama, on Wednesday, April 1, 2004, when this year's theme, "Keepers of the Dream," will be introduced; and,

Whereas, The state of South Dakota welcomes this opportunity to reaffirm our commitment to provide equal housing to all people without regard to race, color, religion, sex, handicap, familial status, or national origin; and,

Whereas, Every citizen has the right to live where he chooses, without fear of discrimination; and,

Whereas, I urge all citizens to abide by the Federal Fair Housing Law and to acknowledge the needs of all our citizens to be afforded housing opportunities free from all discrimination:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim the month of April 2004, as

FAIR HOUSING MONTH

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Twenty-fifth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Four.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State